IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ruben et al.

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2000 for four (4) months from June 18, 2000 to and including October 18, 2000. Applicants point out that a continuation of the above-identified application is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$1,390.00 to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this submission, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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